



Earth Day Award Presentation

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources & ConocoPhillips
Pinyon-Juniper Treatment Project



Project Overview

- Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) and ConocoPhillips partnered on a sagebrush restoration project near Hiawatha, Utah.
- Project was designed to remove Pinyon-Juniper trees which have encroached on sagebrush habitat and reduced wildlife usage.
- ConocoPhillips voluntarily provided funding and logistical assistance for project implementation.
- Company has also provided funding for other sagebrush habitat improvement projects in western states through the Sage Grouse Initiative and Intermountain West Joint Venture projects.



Project Objectives

- Remove Pinyon-Juniper trees that have encroached on sagebrush habitat
- Protect remaining sagebrush and other vegetation from being outcompeted by Pinyon-Juniper vegetation
- Reseed the area with sagebrush and native species
- Increase amount of available forage for wildlife, such as mule deer, elk, and sage-grouse
- Reduce impacts to species dependent on sagebrush habitat
- Expand critical winter range for big game species
- Promote partnership for sagebrush habitat restoration and improvement in Utah and other western states

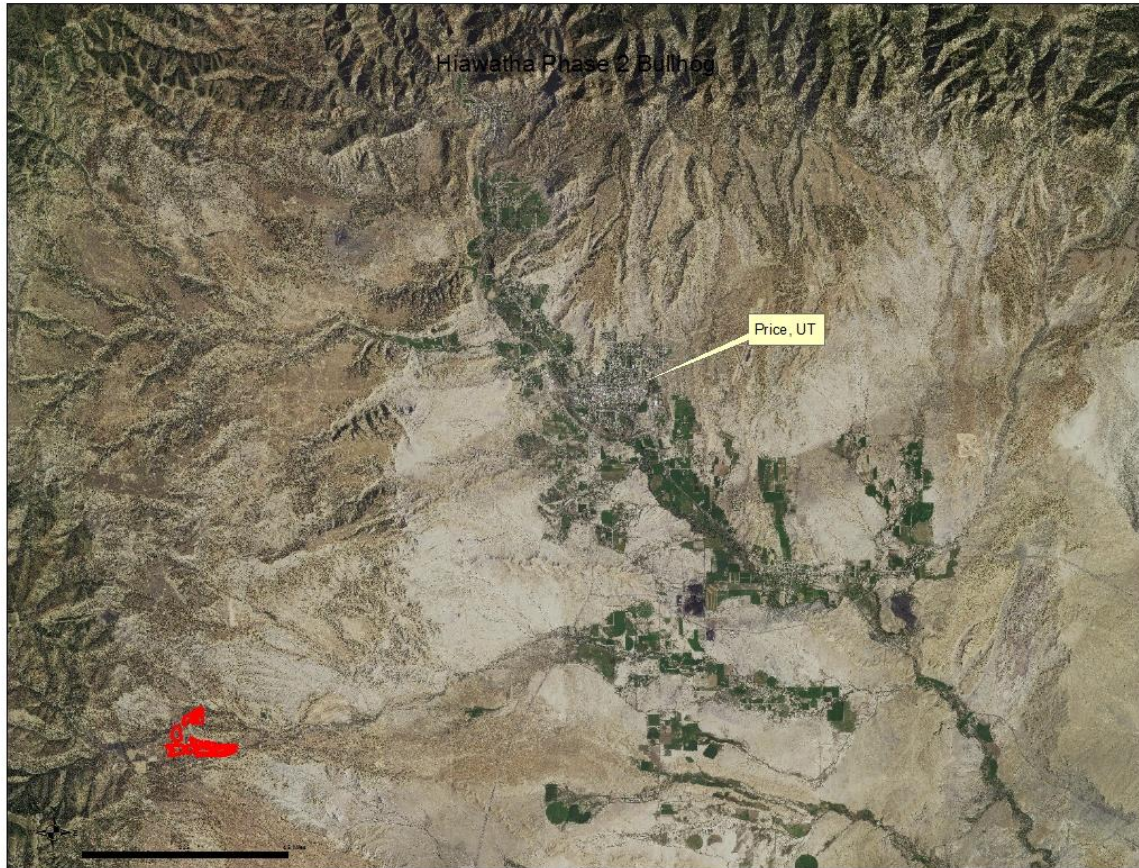


Project Results

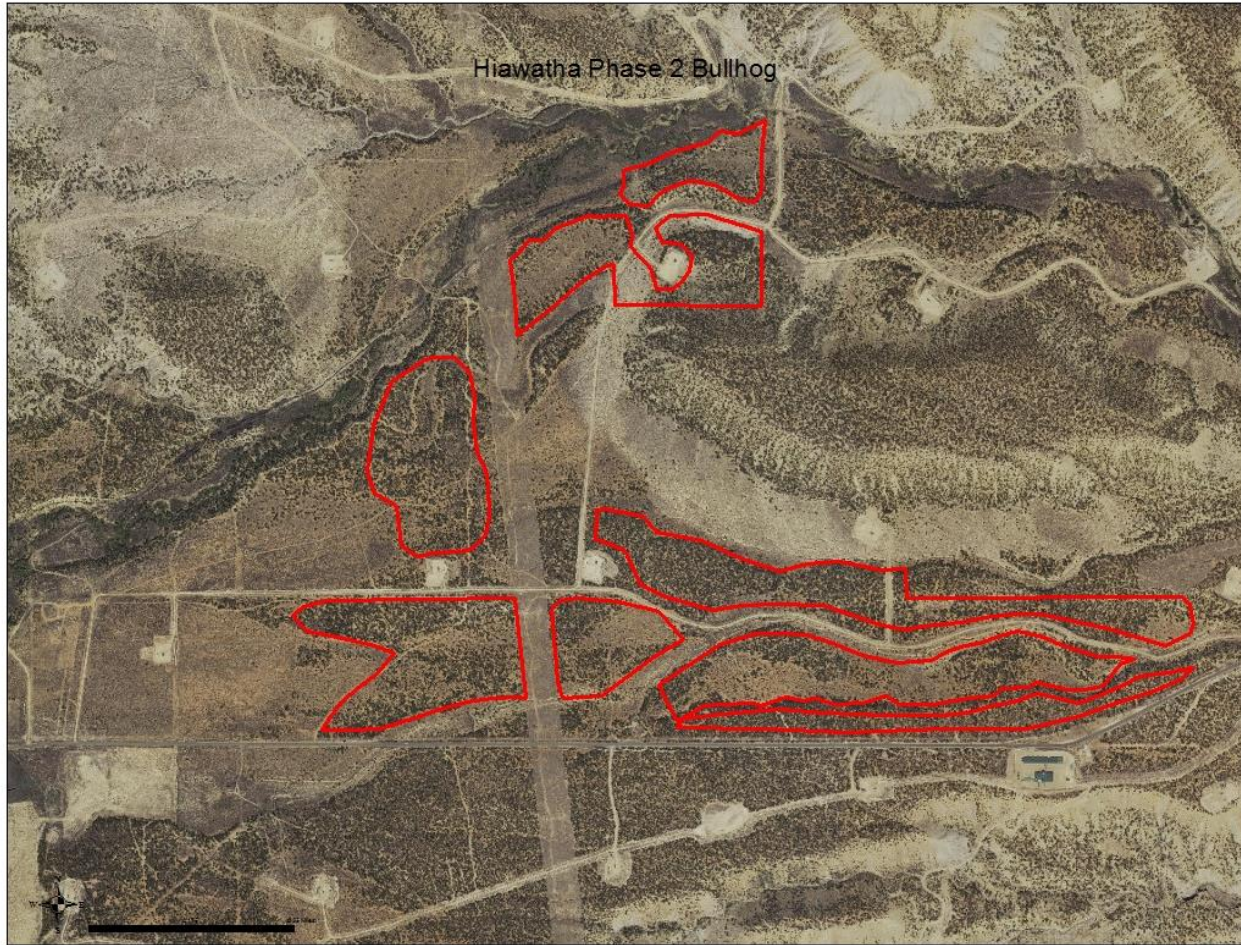
- 238 acres of ground cleared of archaeological resources
- 238 Total acres of Pinyon-Juniper removed
- 238 acres aerially seeded with native plant species
- Reseeded areas will provide forage for summer and winter range for big game species such as elk and deer.
- Avian species also will benefit. Additional new vegetation promote rabbit and small animal populations which in turn benefit a large golden and bald eagle population in the immediate area, as well as other raptors.
- Additionally, the expanded sagebrush area will encourage use by species that use sagebrush for a portion of their life cycle. Habitat improvement across western states is critical to keeping small birds species off the endangered species list.



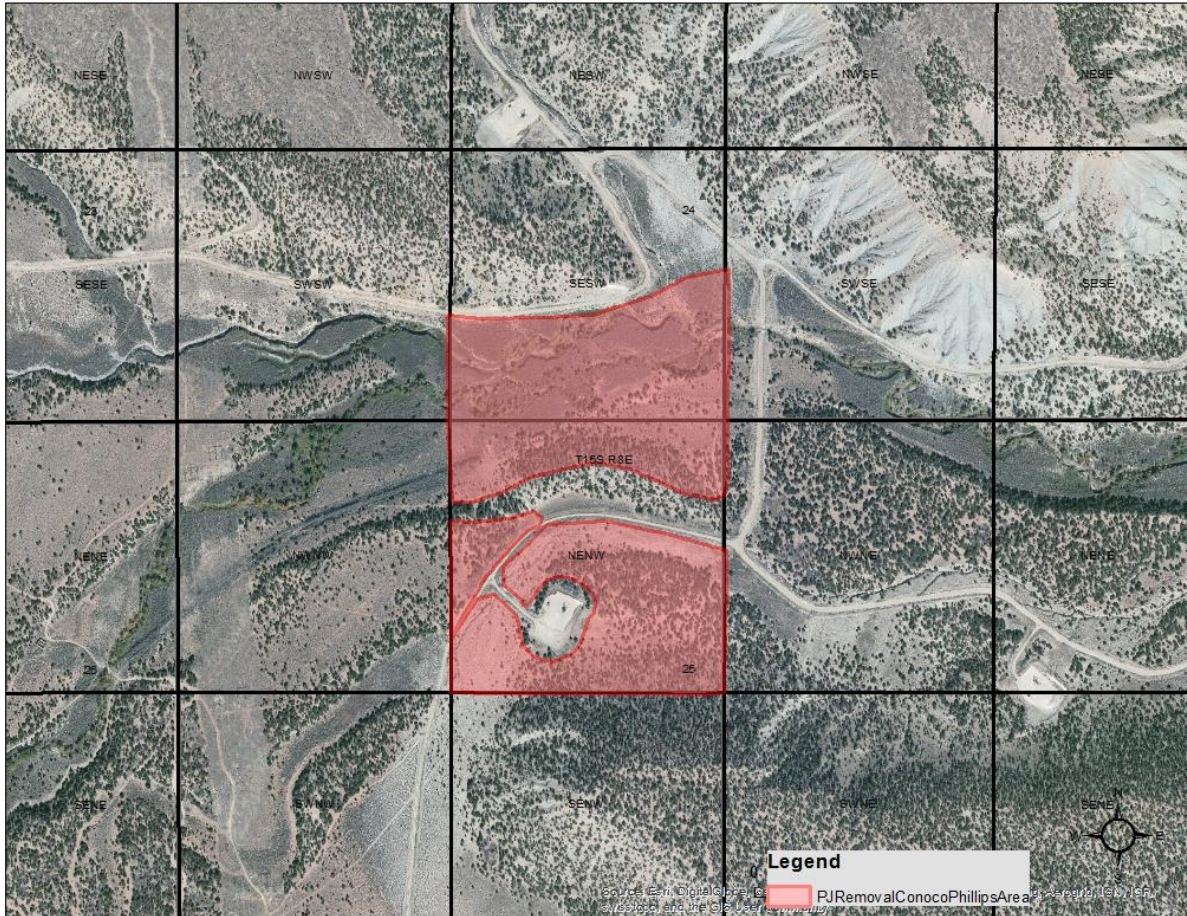
Project Location: Southwest of Price, UT



Map of Project Area



ConocoPhillips Portion



ConocoPhillips Contribution

- 43 acres of company-owned property was included in the project
- Signed a cooperative agreement to pay for all expenses related to the project (i.e. bullhog, aerially seeding, archaeological surveys) that occurred on the property
- The total monetary contribution was approximately \$21,000



Bullhog/Tree Masticator



Treated Area/Masticated Trees



Aerial Seeding



View of Project Area Post Treatment



Earth Day Nomination

“ConocoPhillips has gone above and beyond industry requirements to benefit wildlife and the ecosystem by participating and contributing so generously to this project.”

– Robby Edgel (UDWR biologist)

